

SIX AIR DISASTERS

Tragic Day In History Of Aviation

50 Dead, 69 Missing, 9 Hurt

Passengers Trapped, Burnt Alive

In Flaming Wreckage

San Francisco, May 30.

At least 50 were killed, 69 were missing and nine injured on Thursday night in four plane crashes in New York City, Tokyo, Alaska and the Netherlands. A fifth is reported overdue in Iceland. (United Press reports another Japan plane crash — a courier plane from Takiwa aerodrome, near Tokyo, which plunged into the mountains west of Tokyo, not far from the earlier crash).

Thirty-nine were killed and nine others injured when a United Airlines plane crashed and burned near LaGuardia airfield, New York, in the worst commercial air disaster in the United States — and equal to the world "record" in Newfoundland last October.

South-west of Tokyo, an Army transport plane (a C-54 "Skymaster") with 33 passengers and a crew of eight crashed into a mountain. It has not yet been determined whether or not there were any survivors.

An Icelandic Airways DC-3 plane, with 26 passengers on board, is missing on a flight from Reykjavik, Iceland, to Akureyri.

At Tilburg, in the Netherlands, 12 were killed when two planes collided.

At Fairbanks, Alaska, three men are reported missing and nine other members of the crew escaped serious injury when an Army B-29 crashed shortly after its take-off. — Associated Press.

La Guardia Field, N.Y., May 30.

A four-motored United Airlines DC-4 "Main Liner" crashed at the edge of this wind and rain-swept airport last night, killing 38 persons in the greatest domestic plane disaster in the history of United States commercial aviation.

Of the ten survivors, one has since died, and seven are critically injured and may die.

The wreckage burst into flames and 37 of the dead were trapped and burned to death in the fuselage. The 38th crawled out but died soon afterwards in hospital.

Hundreds of relatives and friends of the 44 passengers who had gathered to see them off for Cleveland — the plane's destination — were horrified witnesses.

Delayed for an hour and 35 minutes by strong ground winds, the pilot, H. R. "Lucky" Baldwin, lit the huge craft from the field's shortest runway — 3,355 feet — into a sky splattering with rain and darkening from an approaching thunderstorm. He got the ship up to perhaps 50 feet when it seemed to waver and then nosed down.

It crashed on the swampy grounds of the Aeromatic Academy 600 feet from the end of the runway. A few seconds elapsed, then there was an explosion and flames, fed by high-octane petrol, leaped 500 feet into the air, sending a smoke column up into the low-hanging clouds.

Pilot Baldwin was thrown clear by the impact but co-pilot R. E. Sands was among the dead.

In their few seconds of grace, 10 other persons either crawled out of the smashed nose or were pulled out by rescuers. The remaining 37 men and women, including Sands, were helplessly trapped.

Shrieks

As flames shot up and the rescuers were driven back those inside could be heard pounding frenziedly on doors of the fuselage, shrieking and weeping. They never had a chance. Flames shot up in a solid blazing wall and approach was impossible. Agonised shrieks sent chills up and down the spine of onlookers, but they did not last long.

Soon the only sound was the explosive snapping of the flames. They burned for more than 10 minutes before the Field's fire-fighting equipment, aided by municipal fire-fighters, could bring the fire under control.

Pilot Baldwin and several of the surviving passengers were thrown into a shallow swamp and were pulled but by 10 students and instructors from the Academy, who had just finished

"IT IS A DISGRACE"

Marylebone, May 29.
Labour spokesman today greeted the statement by Mr. Tom Dibrell (Labour M.P.) —

"It is a disgrace to all of us

that France is still in power

nearly two years after this Government came in power."

There was no discussion of his point, however, and the Spanish Republicans, who have been sufficiently obnoxious to the Labour conference, made no comment except "we are always glad to see anti-Fascist manifestations." — United Press.

Rangoon Police Disarmed

Rangoon, May 30.

Gurkhas and Punjabis of the XII Army today

manned the Rangoon police stations following the Government order to disarm the entire police force of the city with the exception of senior officers.

The plane hit with such force

that the wings were sheared off

and the fuselage broke in two.

The bodies of the victims

were buried beyond recognition

and police said bone structure was

the only means of determining

whether a corpse was that of a

man or a woman.

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The Weather

Pressure remains high to the E of Japan

and the Philippines with a ridge of moderately high pressure extending across

R. Japan to the Lower Yangtze, deep

depressions cover Manchuria and shallow

depressions are moving ENE to

the Japanese Islands and right over

the Chinese to the Philippines.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate E and SE

whilst cloudy with bright intervals; warm

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum: 83° deg. Fah.

Minimum: 74.0 deg. Fah.

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660.0 mm.

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Devi. Punct. ... 73 74 deg. F.

Wind Direct. ... E ESE

Wind Force 13 18 knots.

Disagreement Over Italy's Colonies

Washington, May 29.

The United States Government today opposed the British suggestion that the disposition of the former Italian colonies should be discussed at a meeting of special deputies of the Big Four Foreign Ministers in London on June 6.

The State Department said that Burma had now agreed to the British suggestion for such a meeting but added: "It is the view of the United States Government that the actual disposition of the colonies should not be discussed at this preliminary meeting."

It is felt that the deputies should, until such time as the peace treaty comes into force, confine their deliberations to such procedural matters as the formation of a commission of investigation which is to be sent to the

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PIRATES TAKE PITY ON VICTIM

Shanghai, May 30.

A band of semi-gallant river pirates, using fifth column tactics, robbed a small passenger ship yesterday of CN\$200,000,000 cash and cargo near the mouth of the Yangtze River.

The passenger ship, travelling from Nantung to Shanghai, was approaching the confluence of the Yangtze and Whangpoo Rivers when 12 pirates, who boarded as passengers, commanded the vessel and disarmed the crew guard.

The pirates told the women not to be frightened and then started looting, throwing money, jewellery and other valuables into large sacks.

The pirates relieved one passenger of \$13,000,000 cash. The passenger fainted. The pirates poured water on him, and rubbed his hands until the unfortunate man regained consciousness.

Questioned as to why he saluted the passenger, he said he had borrowed the money at high interest rates (current black market interest rate 20 percent per month) to conduct a travelling merchandise business.

Compassion

The pirates showed pain and compassion, huddled among themselves, approached the fainting passenger and informed him that he could plunge his hands into the bag and have anything he could bring out.

But he could only try it once.

The passenger thrust his hands eagerly into the bag and brought a large bundle of small denomination notes worth CN\$200,000 or CN\$300,000 and fainted again.

When the ship neared the shore, the pirates fired two shots and a motor boat came out and the pirates escaped — after first wrecking the engine.

As they departed they looked over the passengers and said: "We are so sorry." — United Press.

Big Gold Haul In Bombay

Bombay, May 29.

Gold valued at £7,500 in bullion and coins was seized today from the hold of the 4,867-ton British ship "Dumra" in Bombay harbour.

The gold was found by Customs officials who were investigating the seizure of £4,275 from three people who had arrived in Britain in the "Dumra" on Sunday.

A leading supervisor at the Bombay docks, in whose possession some of the seized coins were alleged to have found, has been arrested.

He added: "The cost of living in India is so high that 90 per cent of the young civil servants cannot save from their salaries. The most urgent problem at the end of the month is which pressing creditor can be paid off first. They do not even play polo in Poona any longer although matches are still played in Rajputana State. The people cannot afford ropes and their upkeep."

The Customs authorities are also deciding on a future programme, including the procedure for breaking the laws of other interested Governments.

Mr. Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador to India, will be the United States deputy at the London meeting. — Reuter.

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S'HAI PROFESSORS ON PROTEST STRIKE

Night-Long Search Of University

Shanghai, May 30.

Ninety-seven professors of Jutian University announced today that they are striking in protest at the illegal night-long search of the university last night by the Woosung Garrison, the police and secret police. They expect all professors in Shanghai to join their protest.

A professor told United Press that the police arrested 11 students, including two girls, singled out by masked informers. One student was arrested in the General Hospital, where he was recuperating from the Sunday night beating.

The police not only searched calling for student strikes, the dormitories but also the professors' and the university president's houses, submitting a black list of 16 names for whom they were searching.

The students, who had decided to return to school after striking, are now in a feverish pitch, demanding retribution. — United Press.

Mayor K. C. Wu announced at a press conference today that "some 40" of 80 wanted known student Communist agents and 11 non-student Red underground workers, including four newspaper reporters, have so far been rounded up in the last 12 hours.

Mayor Wu said all Red agents will be shipped without trial from Shanghai to Communist areas, "where they belong."

No Mistake

The Mayor emphasised that the Garrison Commander's HQs has narrowed the list of student agitators to 80 from a total of 46,000 university students in Shanghai. He claimed that there could be no mistake that everyone on the black list were genuine Communist agents.

The government had tolerated their activities but the time had arrived when there was no choice but to arrest the agents or allow them to hold a huge demonstration on June 2, ending with an uprising against the government.

The Mayor said Government obtained early this month a secret Communist document embodying an over-all underground plot in Nationalist areas. — United Press.

Criticism

Nanking, May 30.

Members of the Legislative Yuan today attacked the official repressive action against street demonstrations as a "short-sighted policy more likely to aggravate than alleviate the situation."

The session adopted a resolution appointing a nine-man commission to help Government dissidents, the students from holding the June 2 demonstration and to span the wide gaps between the students and Government.

A member of the Legislative Yuan suggested that Government would be wise to expose the student revolutionary force, recalling that students 20 years ago were instrumental in overthrowing Peking and establishing the Kuomintang Government.

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Chota Pegs And Polo On The Way Out

Mombasa, May 29.

In addition to a number of former Indian Civil Servants who hope to take up farming or business, the latest arrivals in Kenya from India include a number of tea and coffee planters who are likely to follow similar occupations in East Africa.

Mr. Cozens, who was formerly a tea planter in India, told Reuter: "From everything I am told, running a home in Kenya is infinitely cheaper than in India. The housewives in India dare not utter a word of reproval to a servant as they fear he would walk straight out of the house."

polo team, which, I believe, is either in India or on the way, will have fewer opponents than ever."

"Mistake"

Mr. Dunne added that India had nothing like the number of technical men necessary for the successful running of a country and she was making a mistake by forcing out the British by means of taxes or direct hostility. The Indians would appreciate the merits of the British in about three years time when they had a sample of home rule.

Mr. Dunne then said: "If I make no mistake, Congress is determined to introduce prohibition as early as possible. Life in India without the 'chota pog' is so repugnant to the average Indian that the immediate reaction will be to take the next boat to Kenya."

Miss Alum, another planter, who is spending a holiday with Lady Bennett Ebbet at Rongai, Kenya said: "I could not go living in such a horrible atmosphere." — Reuter.

Today's Events

May 31—China Provident annual and extraordinary meetings, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, noon.
May 31—China Emporium annual meeting, 3 p.m.

Coming Events

June 6—A.S. Watson & Co. Ltd., annual meeting, HK Hotel, 11:30 a.m.
June 7—Seventh Extra Race Meeting.
June 9—H.K. & Whampoa Docks extraordinary meeting, noon.
June 27—India-China S.N. Co. Ltd., annual general meeting noon.

RAIDS ON OPIUM DENS

With a previous conviction for a similar offence on the same premises, Hong Yau was fined \$200 (or three months' hard labour) by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for keeping an opium den at 219 Reclamation Street, First floor, on May 29.

His customer's bill of \$25 was ordered extorted from his failure to appear in Court. The pipe, four lamps and four small pots of opium were confiscated.

On the application of Inspector J. Green, the landlord will be notified of the conviction.

Two raids carried out by DSJ J. Sykes resulted in the appearance of Shen Chai and Yip Kwing before Mr. Blair Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with keeping an opium den.

Shen's den was raided at 9:45 p.m. when seven smokers, two pipes and one lamp were found on the premises. Shen was fined \$100; four smokers \$15 each and the three absconder's bill of \$25 each extorted.

Yip's den, raided at 9:45 p.m. on May 29, were found six smokers, five pipes, six lamps and 14 pots of opium in the front part of the floor which contained beds.

Yip was fined a total of \$325, while six of the subjects were mulcted in the sum of \$15 each. The absconder lost his \$25 bill.

Notice of conviction will be sent to the landlords.

Armed Robbers To Be Caned

Found guilty by a jury on three counts, namely, attempted armed robbery, assault with intent to rob and armed robbery, Kwok Chung, alias Chan Sze and Luen Yau-poo were each sentenced to ten years' imprisonment with hard labour and ten strokes of the cane by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould yesterday.

A third accused, Tsang Tam, who was only found guilty on the charge of attempted armed robbery, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Mr. Lonsdale, assisted by Inspector A. Soutar, prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

The accused were arrested following an attempted armed robbery at No. 4 Third Street, at 4 a.m. on April 13, when they fell into a Police ambush. One of the alleged robbers, who was armed, died in hospital as a result of a bullet wound received in the course of a duel with the police. Another alleged robber was wounded and is still in hospital.

JAPANESE CHARGED WITH NAVAL PILOT'S MURDER

The trial of three Japanese officers who are charged with having been concerned in the killing of a Sub-Lieutenant of the Fleet Air Arm, captured at Higashimura Village in the Tokyo Bay area following a dog-fight between "Seafires" from H.M.S. "Indefatigable" and Japanese "Zeke 52s" on the morning of August 15, 1945, commenced yesterday before No. 5 War Crimes Court.

The pilot, Sub-Lieut. (A) Fred Hockley, baled out over Higashimura and gave himself up to a farmer on the outskirts of the village. He was taken to Civilian Defence Headquarters and was subsequently turned over to 426th Infantry Regiment Headquarters. It is alleged that he was subsequently executed on instructions of a Major Hirano Nobuo (second accused in the case), who was Intelligence Officer of the 147th Infantry Division.

The other accused are Colonel of Tamura Teichi, Commander of the 426th Infantry Regiment, and Captain Fujino Masayo, his Adjutant, who is alleged to have killed Hockley by shooting.

It is the Prosecution's case that the issue of the Imperial Rescript by the Japanese Emperor, announcing the Japanese surrender, was generally known to all the Japanese concerned in the incident after noon on August 15 and before Hockley was killed.

A copy of the rescript, sworn to as a true copy by Minoru Imaizumi, Chief of the General Affairs Section of the Japanese Imperial Household, was handed in to the Court as an exhibit.

The case is being tried by a Court comprising Lt.-Col. R.C. Laming, of the Department of the J.A.G. India, Barrister-at-law; President; Major R.S. Butterfield, of the Indian Grenadiers; and Major J.T. Loranger, of the J.A.G. Department, Canadian Army.

The case for the prosecution is being conducted by Major M.I. Ormsby, of the West Yorkshire Regt., assisted by Mr. H.D. Porter, of the Legal Section of SCAP.

Accused are being defended by Japanese Counsel, Mr. Murate Kichi, with Lt. D.C.J. Banfield as Advisory Officer.

Killed

"The evidence will further show that the accused Tamura had been shot down during the engagement with the 'Zekes' and that one of the two British-type parachutes seen in the area was his. Hockley was reported missing."

Nakamura Kiyozo, a farmer of the village of Higashimura, to whom Hockley surrendered after discarding his parachute, testified under interrogation that he was in a garden gathering vegetables when shortly after 6 a.m. he heard a whistle and, turned around and saw a man who appeared to be a foreign flyer.

Nakamura stated: "The flyer walked out of the woods into the field and stopped and I walked towards him. He extended his hand and we shook hands. I lit a cigarette for him and he offered me a cigarette which I accepted. The flyer said a few words but I could not understand much."

"At about 1400 hours the prisoner was put on a cart and started for Headquarters. This was the last time I saw the flyer. At about 1930 or 2000 hours the Probationary Officer and Corporal Akasawa reported they had delivered the prisoner, as instructed, to 426th Regimental Headquarters at Jiwai to the Regimental Adjutant, First Lieutenant Fujino."

On further interrogation Nozue stated that he had not heard any rumours that Hockley was beaten by his soldiers at the primary school but did notice that the prisoner was more depressed when he left than when he arrived.

A statement that he was at divisional headquarters when he overheard Lt. Ishida, Assistant Intelligence Officer at Div. HQ, speaking over the telephone to the 426th Regiment and heard the words at the end of the conversation "at the Division do not want him, so dispose of him at the Regiment" was contained in the Interrogation of Sgt. Oda Takeichi.

Oda stated the word used for "dispose of" had been "shobuno," which he would understand as "to kill."

On his asking Second Lieutenant Ishida why a request for a motor vehicle to convey a prisoner from Regimental to Divisional Headquarters had been cancelled, he was told that "disposition of this case has been decided to be carried out by the unit," Second Lieutenant Mitsuo Shundo, Divisional Transportation Officer, stated in his interrogation.

"At that time, I thought because of the wording of the order, that the Regiment would either punish or kill the prisoner itself and not send him to the Kempetai. The standing orders were to send prisoners to the Kempetai."

To Mr. Russ, Yuen said defendant had been a foreman in the section for several months, but had never asked him for money until April 5.

Further hearing was adjourned to 2:30 p.m. on June 10. Defendant was remanded on \$2,500 bail.

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SWEET ASSAULT

Boston, May 30.
Edward Blaileck has been arrested on an assault and battery charge after walking into a bakery where his estranged wife was employed and lambasting her with 20 chocolate eclairs. — United Press.

To Be Wed

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:

William Campbell, Tillary, electrical engineer, Ardingly Hotel, to Emily Isabella Sanderson, dressmaker, 11 Gordon Street, Fairfield, Melbourne.

Marcus Herculano Sequira, musician, 284 Prince Edward Road, to Tong Yuen-fong, 9 Hillwood Road, 2nd floor.

James Peter McNair, dept. director, CBA, CNRRA, Plaza Hotel, to Valma Gadsby, enroute to Hong Kong from Australia.

COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS**Bleeding**

Nozue Hideo, a Second Lieutenant in the Japanese Army, who was captured by members of a Civil Defence Unit and eventually turned over to elements of the 426th Regt., which in itself was a subordinate command of the 147th Division. The evidence will further show that the Regt. notified the Divisional H.Q. of the capture of this prisoner.

"In the event, the 'Avengers'

and 'Fireflies' were weathered

out of Kiarazu and while searching

for an alternative target the

strike was attacked by 12 enemy

'Zekes' 52 fighters. Two 'Avenger'

and 'Fireflies' was Kiarazu Air

field; alternative targets were

other airfields in the Tokyo Bay

area and/or shipping.

"He did not appear to be in

jury in any way and seemed to

be in very good spirit. A villager

by the name of Kawana hit the

prisoner over the head with a

bamboo stick because he objected

at the time to being blindfolded.

He was turned over to the military

at about 0030 hours."

At first we did not believe the

Peace had been declared," Nozue

stated. "At 1330 hours we re-

ceived another broadcast. At

1300 hours I gathered my soldiers

together and made a speech to

caution them not to do anything

on their own, since they know

Japan had lost the war. I was

afraid they might harm the

prisoner.

"I was told that Cpl. Akasawa

had taken him food. I noticed

that the prisoner had been

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Snoopers' Survey Of Health

London, May 30. The Ministry of Health reveals that since October 1943, about 300 specially trained investigators have been going about England and Wales encouraging persons to gossip about their physical complaints. They were asked to tell confidentially—but at length—about that run-down feeling, where it hurts and about those dizzy spells and sleeplessness.

Naval Pilot's Murder

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Questioned as to whether he had any knowledge of any orders given by Major Hirano (second accused) on August 15, 1945, in respect to a captured airman, First Lieutenant Toyoshima Katsumi, stated that he had not heard any. But in November, 1945, he was told by Lieutenant Ishida and Tohshina that when Regimental Headquarters inquired by telephone asking what was to be done about the prisoner, Ishida, who took the call, turned to Hirano for instructions on the matter. He was told to inform Headquarters to "dispose of or get rid of the prisoner as they see fit."

An affidavit sworn to by Col. Kobayashi Shigenobu, who was Chief of Staff to the 147th Division in Tsurumi, Chiba-ken, in August, 1945, stated that he had not been informed of a prisoner having been captured by the division on August 15, 1945, and had no information on the matter until October, 1945. He did not think that the Commanding Officer of the Division, Lieut.-General Ishikawa was aware of the matter because information of such a nature would reach Ishikawa through him.

He had left Divisional Headquarters with Ishikawa at noon after hearing the Emperor's speech and did not return until 8 p.m. They had gone to the 51st Army Headquarters at Shizuoka, and he had been at Divisional Headquarters when information had come through that a prisoner had been taken, he would have been informed of the matter. Hirano had no authority to issue orders respecting prisoners other than ordering that they be sent either to Divisional Headquarters or the Kempeitai.

Saw Grave Dig

An affidavit sworn to by Captain Hasegawa Seiichi, Intelligence Officer to the 420th Regiment, stated that he had overheard his commanding officer, Col. Tamura (the first accused), speak to Lieut. Sasaki about a prisoner who was captured on August 15, 1945. He overheard the words "Do it so no one can see it." Later he was out for a walk when he saw Sasaki going up a path and followed him out of curiosity. He saw a detail digging a grave.

He knew the war was over about noon that day, Sasaki stated. He had intended to question the prisoner himself in his capacity as Intelligence Officer but "as the war was over at noon I did not feel like doing anything so went to my barracks."

He had overheard a conversation while in the mess between Sasaki and Capt. Fujino (the third accused) that the prisoner was to be killed. There were several other officers present but none objected to the killing of the flyer.

Cpl. Nihel Kiyoshi testified by affidavit that he was orderly to Captain Fujino on August 15, 1945, when, while Fujino was eating, Sasaki came to tell him that the Regimental Commander wanted him (Fujino) to execute the prisoner. The words he used were: "The Regimental Commander left word for you to execute the prisoner." Sasaki came a second and third time to tell Fujino to hurry as it was getting late.

Fujino, as he was leaving, turned to him (Nihel testified), and asked him in a surprised manner "Does the Regimental Commander want me to kill the prisoner?"

The trial continues this morning, when Lieut. Ishida Hachiro goes into the witness box.

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



It Looks Bad From Here

BY EDGAR MARTIN



Easy On The Eyes



Diana Sullivan, the stage and film star, is here seen displaying an evening dress in "Loriana" Rayon Shantung on Cyril Lord's fabric stand at the British Industries Fair, Earl's Court. (Associated Press photo).

SIR MALCOLM STILL LIKES TO GO FAST

Portsmouth, May 29. Sir Malcolm Campbell tapped a caressing hand on "Bluebird," the first jet-propelled speed-boat in history, today and said he would try to race her to a new world record, although "no one really knows what will happen to such craft at high speed."

The record attempt will be made on Lake Coniston, Furness, where Sir Malcolm set the present record of 141.7 miles an hour in 1931. He declined to even guess at "Bluebird's" possible performance but Lord Howe, president of the Marine Racing Association, told the United Press that wind tunnel tests showed a possible speed of more than 160 miles an hour.

There was a good deal that was solemn about the unveling of "Bluebird" at Vosper Yard here. Sir Malcolm himself admitted that he is facing the great hazard of his adventure as career.

"All I can say is that the best brains in the country have gone into its design and construction" he said. "From there on, it is in the lap of gods."

"Bluebird" actually is a modification of the record-setting motorboat of 1930. The "Goblin" jet engine is producing as much power that aviation engineers were consulted because of the possibility of aerodynamic lift under the boat which might produce an overturning movement. This danger is believed to have been eliminated or lessened in the eighteen months of experimentation that went into "Bluebird."

As a preliminary to the test, the American branch of the racing Association has agreed to a one-hour interval between the required two record runs over a measured mile against the old interval of 20 minutes. The Marquess of Campbell, vice-president of the Marine Racing Association, said that this was due to the more complicated mechanism.

Supersonic Sound
Sir Malcolm, who is financing the record attempt himself, started his engine and scores attending the ceremony had to block their ears against the almost unbearable shriek. He wore special sound deadeners because, as Lord Howe put it, "he is worried more about supersonic sounds than speed."

"Bluebird," a 30-footer described officially as "slipper shaped," rides high in the water

Dutch Troops Guard American Factory

Batavia, May 29. Dutch troops were today guarding the American Goodyear Company's tyre factory at Buitenzorg, near Batavia, after what was stated to be a new attempt at sabotage, part of a series designed to cripple the U.S.\$5,000,000 plant.

Dutch security police have arrested two Indonesian employees.

The Dutch military authorities state that an Indonesian Republican army lieutenant was sent especially to Buitenzorg for the sabotage scheme. He disappeared shortly after a time bomb, stated to consist of three British grenades, had been discovered in his house.

On May 10, an attempt was made to blow up a factory boiler by blocking a vital water pipe, and subsequent investigation disclosed further plans to

destroy key machinery in the plant, Dutch officials stated.

Buitenzorg was recently the scene of a "bloodless" revolt when the Sundanese Peoples' Party—which wants to separate West Java from the Indonesian Republic—seized administrative buildings in the city.—Reuters.

Dutch Ultimatum Indonesians Told To "Do Something"

Batavia, May 29. In what amounted to an ultimatum, the Dutch demanded of the Indonesian Republican authorities that the latter do something at once toward carrying out the agreed formation of a United States of Indonesia within the Dutch Empire.

A memorandum embracing Dutch ideas of what steps should be taken was sent to the Republicans and an answer requested within 14 days.

The memorandum added: "Should the answer be in the negative or unsatisfactory, the Dutch nation sees to its regret no possibility of continuing discussions and will have to submit the question of what will further happen to the Netherlands Government."

The memorandum proposed the establishment of council to present Dutch and Republican interests in ironing out differences under the Linggadjati agreement by which Indonesia's future was agreed upon.

It proposed that the Indonesians put men in the Dutch foreign service for training, that the Republicans cease infiltrating in West Borneo and East Indonesia—adding that Dutch troops must stay because forming a modern defence was "the process of many years"—the return of foreign estate to their owners and a joint customs system.

It said failure to accept such points would endanger the Linggadjati agreement.—United Press.

Interim Govt.

Jogjakarta, May 29.

At a cabinet session on Sunday at Jogjakarta the Republicans will discuss the contents of the Dutch note, which is generally considered as the last attempt by the Dutch to implement the Linggadjati agreement.

So far, according to a well-informed Republican spokesman, no unfavourable reactions have been heard from the Republican set.

The Dutch note, which was handed by the Commissioner General to the Indonesian delegation recently, proposes among other things an interim government in which representatives of East Indonesia and West Borneo will also be sitting beside the Republic and the Netherlands Indies Government, whose representatives will preside.

The note also contains a clause relating to reducing the troops in Indonesia.

Meanwhile, the special Netherlands Indies Government mission headed by Lieutenant Governor-General Hubertus Van Mook's Director of General Affairs, Dr. P. A. Ideburg, was received by President Sukarno this morning and, according to a Dutch statement after the conference, the meeting took place in a pleasant atmosphere.

The Republican spokesman told the Dutch news agency, ANETA, special correspondent at Jogjakarta that the Republicans realize the present serious situation and the necessity for solution is felt. —United Press.

Kure, May 30.

The "River Mitra" sailed from Kure yesterday for Australia, carrying 285 cases of raw silk for Australia and New Zealand, Australia will get 265 cases and New Zealand 20 cases.—United Press.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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SATURDAY, 7th June, 1947.

The First Bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 3.00 p.m.

Through numbers (8 races—\$16) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep (\$2.00) on the Lantau Handicap. The latter may also be purchased at the Branch Office, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Buy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

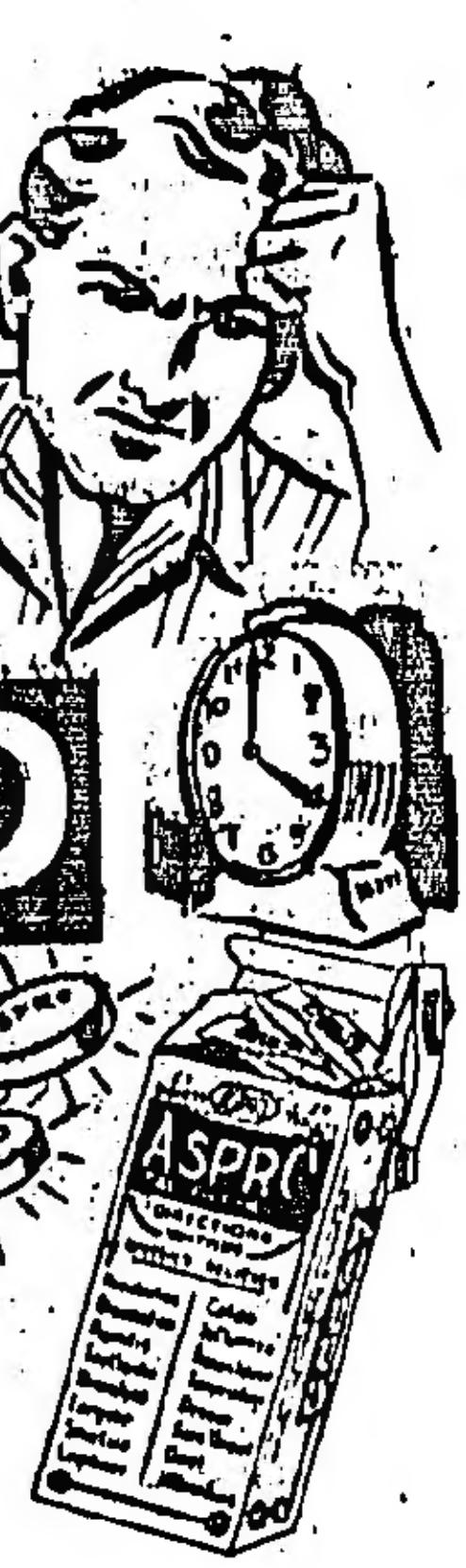
Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

BY ORDER,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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The Karr Choi Lee, of 216 Queen's Road, Central, was fined \$25 for selling a bottle of aerated water at 60 cents (50 cents), while the Sun Kee, of 106 Wellington Street, was fined \$30 for selling a packet of State Express cigarettes at \$1.30 (\$1.25).

Six men and a woman appeared before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of dealing in marine stores without a licence on May 29, and, on their pleading guilty, the men were fined \$20 each and the woman \$15. SI Colling was prosecuted.

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Sixty-four ranking from six weeks' to 12 months' hard labour were imposed on the five defendants who pleaded guilty to the house breakings.

Part of the stolen properties, valued at nearly \$3,000, was recovered by the police. The houses broken into by the gang were Nos. 28, Gilman Street, ground floor; No. 41, Paul Street, ground floor; No. 16, Fat Duck Street, second floor, and No. 158, Graham Street, ground floor.

The gang comprised Au Young-wai, 20, Wong Chuk, 21, in Tai Po; Chau Lam-chun, 21, and Chau Chuen, 22.

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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF AUBREY
EDWARD LEO FOLD
BURGOYNE late of 6 Gwyne
Terrace, Victoria in the
Colony of Hongkong, merchant,
deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probate Or-
dinance, 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 18th day of June 1947.

All creditors and others are
accordingly, hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.
Dated the 21st day of May, 1947.

DEACONS,
Agents,
Solicitors for the Administratrix,
Prince's Building,
HONG KONG

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

1941 DEPOSITS

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to receive applications for the
refund of 1941 Deposits.
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Deposit Receipts, should be
made through the post to the
Company's Registered Office
and may also be handed in at
the Company's Branch Offices.

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that Murray Pier, Hong Kong,
will be closed to the Public for
repairs as from 8.00 a.m. on
5th June, 1947 until further
notice.

V. KENNIFF,
Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department
Hong Kong, 30th May, 1947.

THE CHINA EMPORIUM LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the fourteenth ordinary
general meeting of The China
Emporium Limited will be held
at the registered office of the
Company Nos. 62A-63 Queen's
Road Central, Victoria in the
Colony of Hong Kong on
Saturday, the 31st day of May,
1947 at 3.00 o'clock in the
afternoon, for the purposes
following, namely, to receive
and consider the annual state-
ment of account and balance
sheet, and the reports of the
Directors and Auditors thereon;
to elect Directors and Auditor
in the place of those retiring;
to sanction the declaration of a
dividend and to transact the
other ordinary business of the
Company.

AND NOTICE is also given
that the Share Transfer Re-
gister will be closed from 20th
May, 1947 to 31st May, 1947,
both days inclusive, during
which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that at the same place,
and on the same day, an extra-
ordinary general meeting of the
Company will be held at the
times below mentioned, namely:

(1) The meeting of the Found-
ers shareholders at 3.15
o'clock in the afternoon, or
so soon thereafter as the
ordinary general meeting
shall have concluded, and,

(2) The meeting of the Or-
dinary shareholders at 3.30
o'clock in the afternoon, or
so soon thereafter as the
said meeting of founders
shareholders shall have
concluded.

when the subjoined Resolu-
tions will be proposed as
extraordinary resolutions:

1. That the authorised capital
of the Company be increased
to \$6,000,000.00 Hong Kong currency
divided into 12 Founders'
shares of \$10.00 each and
499,988 Ordinary shares of
\$4.00 each by the creation
of 300,000 new Ordinary
shares of \$10.00 each.

2. That it is desirable to
capitalise the sum of \$658,-
620 being part of the
undivided profits of the
Company now standing to
the credit of the reserve
fund, and accordingly
that a bonus of \$5.00
per share on the 133,704
issued shares of the Com-
pany (divided into 12
Founders' shares and 133,-
692 Ordinary shares) be
and the same is hereby de-
clared; and that the Direc-
tors be and they are hereby
authorised to satisfy
such bonus by the distribu-
tion of 66,852 Ordinary
shares of the Company
(Nos. 133,693-200,544 (in-
clusive) credited as fully
paid up amongst the per-
sons who, on the 24th day
of May, 1947, were regis-
tered as holders of the
133,704 shares of the Com-
pany (12 Founders' shares
and 133,692 Ordinary
shares) at the rate of one
share for every two shares
of the Company held by
such persons as aforesaid
and in satisfaction of such
bonus as aforesaid; and
that such shares shall rank
for dividend pari passu
with the existing shares.

Dated this 24th day of April,
1947.

By order of the Board of
Directors,

CRUNG KWAN TING,
General Manager.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that
an Extraordinary General Meet-
ing of the Company will be held
at 18 Pedder Street (1st
floor) Hong Kong on MONDAY
the NINTH day of JUNE,
1947, at NOON, for the pur-
pose of proposing and if
thought fit passing the sub-
joined resolutions as a special
resolution, viz:-

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered in the manner
following:-

(a) Article 17 shall be can-
celled.

(b) In the third line of
Article 71 the word "two"
shall be substituted for the
word "three".

(c) The following Article shall
be substituted for Article
76 - "76. Subject to any
special terms as to voting
upon which any shares of
the Company may have
been issued or may for
the time being be held,
upon a show of hands
every member present in
person shall have one
vote, and upon a poll
every member present in
person or by proxy shall
have one vote for every
share held by him."

By Order of the Board,

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong.

Dated this Ninth day of May,
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C. T. BOKENHAM,
MAJOR

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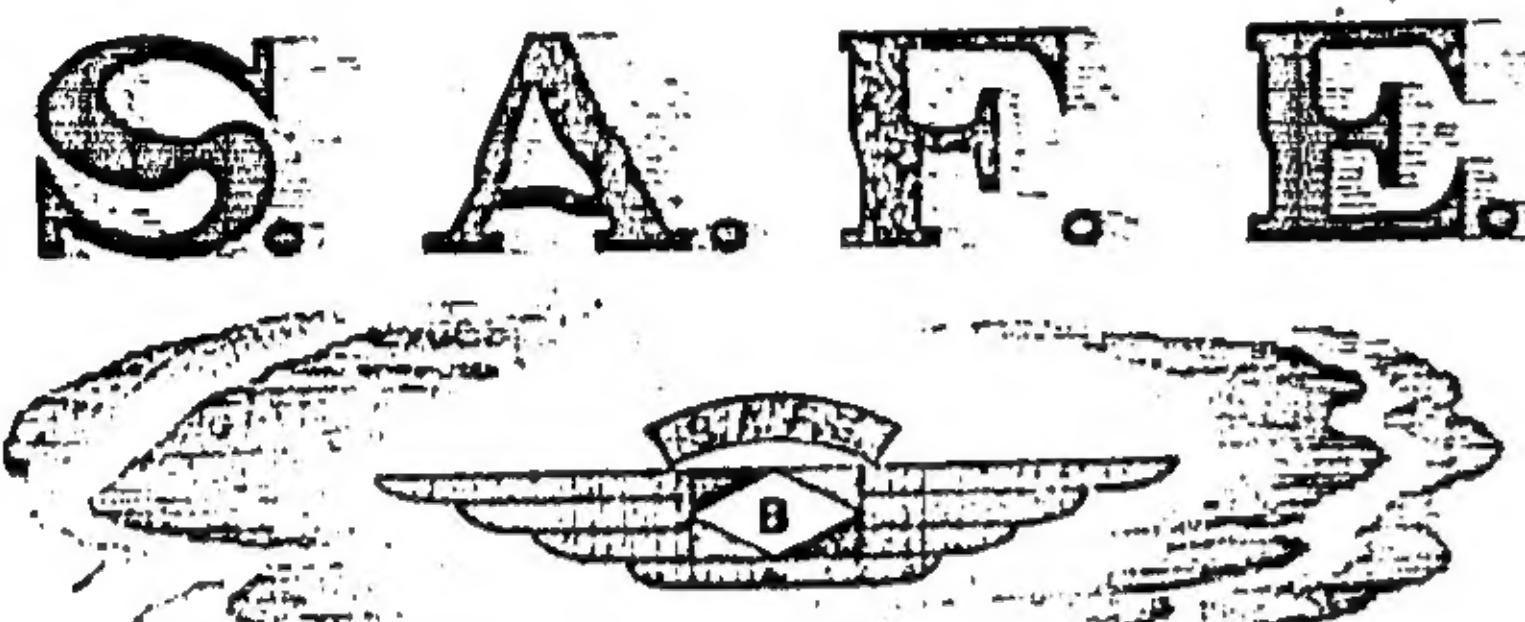
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WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The appeal has today been launched for the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund and little needs to be added to what has already been said in advocacy of a generous response. Sir Mark Young's farewell message on the eve of his departure is still fresh in most people's memories, with its earnest insistence that the immediate objects of the Fund represent a debt of honour owed by this community to victims of the war, and we feel every confidence that his appeal will prove not to have been made in vain. The fund has, as its primary purpose, "to render assistance both to the dependants of members of the Colony's defence services who died in action or captivity and also to members of those Services who by reason of wounds or injuries, ... are themselves now in need of assistance." Satisfaction of this debt of honour is not a matter that can be left over indefinitely. There are widows and orphans in our midst in dire straits, for whom no adequate provision has been made or can be made under the normal rules and regulations of governmental finance. The pitance that is granted to widows of members of the Volunteers has already been given wide publicity in these columns. To their number has to be added the families who have no legal claims to pensions, the dependants of men who died under Kempeitai torture rather than surrender their loyalty to the Allied cause. Early relief in several such cases is urgent and imperative. The longer-range aims of the War Memorial Fund, too, are such as should persuade Hong Kong to open-handed generosity, for they envisage measures for the amelioration of conditions among the Colony's under-privileged and tangible additions to the Colony's social amenities. These are aims to which all can subscribe, in memory, and in thanksgiving that war's shadow has been lifted. Contributions to the Fund should be addressed to Messrs. Lowe, Birmingham and Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, and cheques should be crossed and made payable to "The Hong Kong War Memorial Fund."

Hoover Argument

That is why workers in Britain's jet factories, where aeroplanes testing at speed throw off "noises" which are higher than the human ear can catch, are frightened. Might what happened to the rabbit happen to them?

Almost certainly not. People are being bombarded by supersonics all the time, without ill-effect. It is only when the super-sounds—or "supersonics" as they are called—are concentrated into a beam that they become dangerous.

Left to themselves, supersonics, like ordinary sounds, radiate outwards in all directions; but when they are produced artificially in a sound gun—the contraption which killed the rabbit—they rush out together with all the punch which hundreds of thousands of vibrations occurring every second can give.

Supersonics kill by "shaking-up." All these vibrations suddenly concentrating on living tissue dislocate and smash the delicate mechanism of life.

The sound gun, which acts on the principle of a simple quartz crystal being violently oscillated in a small space with an outlet in one direction only, has not yet been tried on man.

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Super-Sonics--The Weapon
OF TOMORROW
By A Special Correspondent

Across a green field something flashed. No one could see it, no one could hear it. It had no form, and no substance—but it killed swiftly, with silent force.

Top-secret weapon after the atom bomb—Super-sound—had been at work. True, its victim was only a rabbit, slaughtered at 100 yards by the pressing of a switch. But tomorrow . . . ?

Will Super-sound be the weapon of a third World War? Scientists outside a tight ring of secrecy which surrounds official research in Britain and America—and in other countries where the thought of war is taken seriously—say no, that is unless another war is a very long way off. But there were people who said much the same

about atomic energy.

Ever since the walls of Jericho fell, man has had an inkling of the power of sound, known it as a possible killer. Men have perished from the sound of bells and sirens, have suffered mysterious sicknesses after hearing even distant noises.

But Super-sound has been known only recently. Its powers, infinitely greater than those of the mere sound which can be heard, are still half-mystery. Its potentialities, though not without promise of some good, are sinister.

Alarm

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and the jitterbugs in the juke-box joints.

"The cry to put these parasites to work has come spontaneously from France's labourers who see them loafing around in their fancy clothes, spending money in the night clubs".

The CGT spokesman admitted the organisation had no concrete programme for putting the "zazous" to work and denied it is advocating forced labour.

"For my part," he said bitterly, "it would not hurt me at all to see these people herded into labour camps. Freedom is relative and does not extend to living off the work of you fellow men. But of course, we don't seek any such extreme measures".

"To tell you the truth the campaign against the 'zazous' was launched without any very solid programme. It is up to the law-makers to figure out means of putting them to work".

United Press.

During the two most recent big-scale demonstrations of French labour, manifestants carried placards and shouted the slogan, "Les Zazous au travail!" ("Zazous to work"), and "Les zols au boulot!" ("Loafers to work").

A spokesman for the General Labour Confederation (CGT) told the United Press it is estimated there are still at least 100,000 "zazous and zolats" of both sexes in Paris and other metropolitan centres.

"They include the sons and daughters of wealthy parents who do not have to earn a living as well as large numbers of young people who would have worked before the war, but who are now able to find easier and more lucrative ways of earning a living.

"They are the black market operators, prostitutes, smugglers and procurers you see around the streets of Montmartre. They include the Arab peddlers who arrive on the street corners

echoes vary so exactly with the distance of the obstacle that the bat can judge its way within the tiniest fraction of an inch.

The Navy, taking its cue from the bat, installed in its warships submarine-detecting devices which sent supersonics down into the water and recorded the echoes which they made on striking submerged objects.

It is not hard to think of other fields, opened up by the advances in scientific fighting which the closing years of World War II revealed, in which supersonics can be employed, and in which scientists in many countries are experimenting. Supersonics may yet prove to be the means of intercepting approaching rockets; and at the other end they may help in the control of guided missiles.

But supersonics have their peacetime uses, too, and their possibilities for helping civilization, as well as for destroying it, are limitless.

Penetration

Supersonics may, in time, overtake many others of humanity's problems. It is not over-fanciful to suggest that some day they may replace the knife in more than one branch of surgery, owing to their tremendous powers of penetration.

The sound gun has proved, too, to be far more effective, and far cheaper, than the machinery previously used for emulsifying, the process of mixing oil with other ingredients. A vessel containing, say, oil and water, and placed in the path of a supersonic beam, is filled with such violent agitation that the oil is split into billions of tiny particles and mixes easily.

Supersonics will age new wine, giving it the flavour and the "bouquet" of rare old vintages. In Britain even the laundries are experimenting with them, seeking a way of shaking rather than washing the dirt out of peoples' clothes.

Meanwhile, little machines very like the Navy's submarine-detectors are being fitted into hundreds of fishtrawlers. Simplified so that even the roughest old sailor can use them, they show at a glance when there

(Continued at foot of Col. 7)

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You need more confidence in your work, Slug—confidence in a monetary system is what makes it operate as a medium of exchange!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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FORCE CHOICE
OF EVILS

Many of the prettiest plays in the game are those which offer the opposition a choice of evils. The declarer first builds up a situation which he has planned. Then the opponent must make his selection after the next move. If it is a squeeze, his option is between either of two or more different discards any of which will cost him a trick. If it is a throw-in play, he can pick between two or more different leads on the return, either of which wrecks him.

S. A K J 8 4 2
 H. G 7 4 2
 D. None
 C. A 7

N. W E D Q 3
 S. C Q 10 9
 C. K 8

S. 10 6
 H. 10 9 5
 D. A X 10
 P. 9 8 7

S. 3
 H. A K J 6 3
 D. J 6 5 4 2
 C. 6 4

(Dealer) South. Both sides
vulnerable.)

South West North East
 Pass 1 D Dbl Pass
 2 H Pass 3 D Pass
 4 H Pass 5 H.

South, who was a canny attorney, John J. Robinson, playing with another keen member of the same profession, Archi McGrath, was sound to refuse that slam invitation, feeling he had already bid enough. Because of his pass and his ensuing play, he won a fine score for the Montauk Club of Brooklyn in the strong Mayfair Club duplicate in New York.

He ruffed the diamond lead with dummy's heart 2,

S. K 7 2
 H. Q 3
 D. K Q 9 6
 C. K Q J 6

S. 8 6 3
 H. K 5
 D. J 10 5
 C. 9 3 2

N. W E 4 2
 S. D. A 8 2
 C. 8

S. A Q 9 5 4
 H. A J
 D. 7
 C. A 10 7 5 4

(Dealer) North. Neither side
vulnerable.)

After North's 1-Diamond, East's 1-Heart, South's 1-Spade and North's 2-Clubs, what should South bid?

(Continued from Col. 5.)

poses is gradually becoming an everyday affair, though how far it is keeping pace with their employment for more sinister ends is a question of which the answer is a State secret in many lands.

Little is publicly known of the dangers they may hold for mankind, even when peaceably employed—the very dangers of which the job men are now apprehensive. Minor effects are known to be apathy and drowsiness; future possibilities are madness . . . and the rabbit's death.

Recently it has been found that supersonic beams, penetrating steel, will discover flaws even through thicknesses of 20 feet and more. British railways are using them regularly for testing axles.

In fact, the harnessing of supersonics to peaceful pur-

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INDIA PLANS IN MELTING PLOT

"Adjustment" Of Central Government Scheme

Local Agreement In Bengal?

(From Fraser Wighton)

London, May 29.

Political circles are now confident that the proposal for "adjustment" of the India Central Government machine will emerge from next week's Delhi conference if India's leaders decide to shelve the Cabinet Mission for United India and choose some form of Hindustan and Pakistan.

With the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, on his way back to Delhi and all constitutional plans virtually in the melting pot until after his next contact with the Indian leaders, observers here are reluctant to forecast the form that this "adjustment" will take.

They are convinced, however, that any proposed interim arrangements to speed the transfer in the light of the plan are matters for discussion at the conference.

It is not overstating the position to say that whatever emerges at this stage there will have to be further consultations with the leaders in India.

It does not follow that next week's conference will be a protracted affair. There is some belief here that it will not occupy many days, but it is of course recognised that it forms only the preliminary stage of what looks like being a most intensive period of activity before the transfer of power.

Official quarters are likely to continue to keep strict silence about both conversations and the plans emerging from them until arrangements are announced simultaneously in Delhi and Parliament.

Though it is expected that an official announcement will follow promptly after the opening of the Delhi conference, observers here warn against any assumption that the course of the conference and its results can be predicted. It is known, of course, that Indian leaders are in possession of the broad outline of what is proposed.

The plan itself is a scheme of procedure for a long-term solution. It should be emphasised,

85 DEGREES IN LONDON

London, May 29. Spring weather hit England today with the early afternoon temperature soaring to 85 degrees—the highest since last July.

The skies were cloudless and the sun was brilliant. The mercury rose ten degrees above yesterday's top reading.

The forecast is "fair and warm," with scattered showers tonight.—United Press.

both Britain and India in a complicated series of arrangements which will take up the whole time between now and June, 1948. For that reason, it is thought that efforts will be made to keep the conference which will take fateful decisions as short as possible and to press on with whatever plans are agreed among the leaders in India.

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Through British Eyes

Seen through British eyes, any decision to divide will involve

NO ILLUSIONS

London, May 29.

India again figures prominently in the leading weekly periodicals in the light of next week's announcement by Lord Mountbatten.

The leftwing "Tribune" says:

that this time Britain must



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Arabs And Jews All Het Up

Jerusalem, May 29.

Just before the arrival of the United Nations fact-finding commission there is a strange state of confusion here, with Arabs becoming annoyed with Arabs, and Jews getting mad at other Jews on the question of policy. Some Arabs are upset because they see no established policy. Zionists are debating heatedly among themselves on the question of partition or a complete Jewish State.

The Arab newspaper "Falaṣīn" summed up its annoyance in the significant headline "They Act While We Make Statements." The paper pointed out that Jews were busy making preparations for the commission and with gaining its sympathy, while Arabs were sitting idly by.

"Palestine Arabs have done nothing so far and no preparations are yet made to present their case to the international committee," the paper said. "They are only satisfied with those statements that were made by some of their representatives detracting the committee's reputation, together with calling for a boycott."

"We would have been able to understand had we only decided, in conjunction with sister-countries, on non-cooperation. But nothing of this sort has taken place. What is the benefit of gaining the hostility of the committee for nothing? The lack of internal organisation is the sole reason for our disorder here, which greatly affects the efforts of the neighbouring countries."

"We do not call for cooperation or non-cooperation with the committee. We only discuss the disorder that accompanies our acts and that is of great detriment to our cause."

Hornet's Nest

Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, stirred up a hornet's nest upon arrival here from the United States when he expressed personal views advocating partition. In reality, many Zionists feel as Mr. Ben-Gurion does, but will not acknowledge it publicly, because the ultimate aim is a Jewish State in all of Palestine, and they believe that any lesser concession would weaken their case.

The Hebrew newspaper, "Yedioth Ahronot," says: "We

Mystery Moves By Franco

London, May 29.

A reliable Spanish source told the United Press today that Generalissimo Francisco Franco, for mysterious reasons of his own, is salting establishments in the Western Hemisphere with noted Falangists.

"Jose Lequerica is a case in point," the source said. Lequerica, who was Spanish Ambassador to Vichy and who reportedly arranged the Petain capitulation to Hitler, was nominated Ambassador to the United States about two years ago. The United States refused to accept him.

"Now Franco has named him Inspector General of Embassies and Consulates—a post that never before existed and the duties of which never have been clearly explained.

"In this capacity he finally arranged for Lequerica to go to Washington. Why? I don't know."

Lequerica, who, according to the report, was so confident of an Axis victory, that he kept

U.S. Relief Programme Getting Under Way

Washington, May 29.

The Secretary of State, General Marshall, said today that officials hoped to start shipments under the US\$350,000,000 relief programme within a week or ten days. He said the measure had gone to the President, who was expected to sign it shortly and request the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make an immediate grant of US\$75,000,000 to start operations.

The measure is designed to provide post-UNRRA relief to Austria, Hungary, Italy, Poland and China.

General Marshall said that when the President signed the bill he also would issue executive authority conveying authority to put its administrative aspects into effect. He said the President would send to the Senate for confirmation a note on the administrator for this relief.

Tentative Plan

The Secretary said it was not planned at present to earmark definite overall amounts for participating countries. He added that the tentative schedule of shipments was the period from June 1 to September 30 and he hoped actual shipments would start within a week or ten days. He also said the United States

expected to enter into negotiations within the next few days with participating governments to specify assurances concerning the use of relief goods.

He did not know, he continued, whether these agreements would all be discussed here or some in foreign capitals. He declined to reveal whom Mr. Truman had selected as overall administrator of relief.—United Press.

U.P. Man Denies Charge

Athens, May 29.

United Press correspondent Robert Vermillion today filed with the United States Embassy a memorandum denying an accusation by the Greek Minister of War that he was a Communist.

The charge against Vermillion was made in a letter which the War Minister, George Stratos, wrote to two members of Parliament. The letter, which was published in Athens newspapers on May 27, charged that the Greek War Relief Association, through its Communist personnel gave aid and comfort to guerrilla bands. Stratos' letter said:

"It is obvious that we ought not to back the reactionary Princes with British bayonets. It is equally obvious that future British relations with the rest of India would be dangerously prejudiced if Pakistan were to secure British support by becoming a dominion, while Hindustan stood outside the Commonwealth as an independent republic. Quitting India must mean the evacuation of the whole sub-continent."—Editor.

"Robert Vermillion and his wife Rosemary, American journalists in the Community, visited members of Guerrilla bands using Greek War Relief cars. They published articles in the American press concerning unimaginable Fascist

Gandhi Won't Give An Inch

New Delhi, May 29.

Mr. Gandhi said tonight that he would "never give up an inch of India or concede Pakistan"—the Moslem League demand for a Moslem state.

Gandhi, in a post-prayer speech, reiterated that Britain should stand by the May 16 Cabinet Mission statement on a federated India.

"On the eve of independence, the Hindus and Moslems are fighting each other," Gandhi said. "Britain's duty is to stand by the May 16 statement... Congress should not go back on it, neither should the British Government.

"Even if the whole of India burns, I will never give up an inch of India or concede Pakistan."

"I do not subscribe to the view that the British are dishonest. Let Lord Mountbatten bear out this belief in the British by sticking to the May 16 statement when he returns."

The Indian leader's post-prayer speech today was much longer than usual.—United Press.

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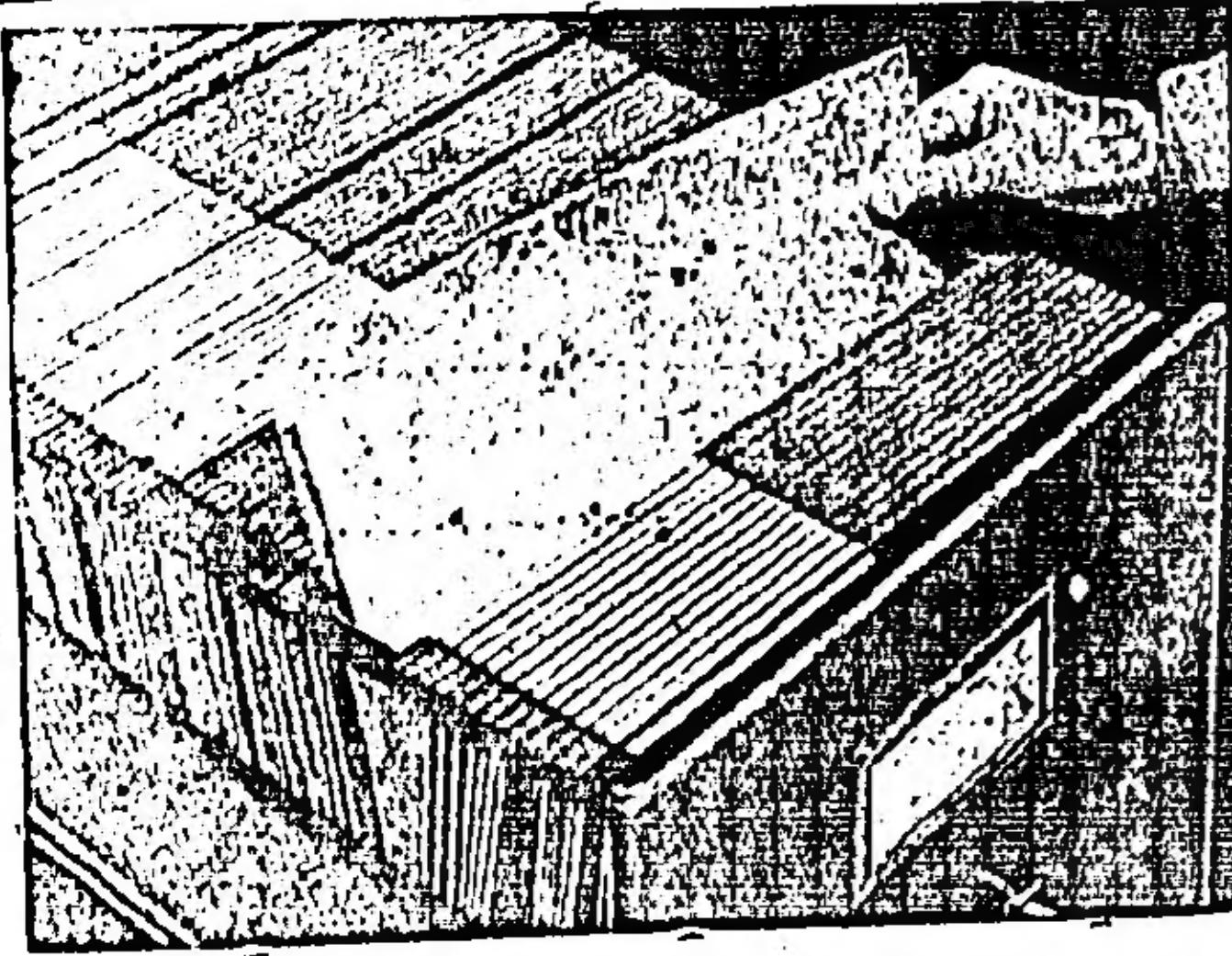
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YOUR B.B.C. OVERSEAS RADIO THIS WEEK

Two years old this autumn, the Forces Educational Broadcasts now appeal to a far wider audience than the citizens in uniform for whom they were originally intended.

They are transmitted in the Light Programme of the Home Service as well as the General Overseas Service. When they were discontinued last autumn, there were such numerous protests—from civilians all over Britain—that the BBC undertook a fresh series beginning at the end of December. Again, when the fuel cuts in February curtailed home programmes, the schools and the Press campaigned vigorously for their resumption.

What is the secret of their wide success? Undoubtedly it is that they are, first and foremost, lively and informative features, entertaining in their own right. In "Under Big Ben," "Current Affairs" and the "World of Work," listeners get the facts, fairly and without bias, about conditions and developments at home; up-to-the-minute impartial news on the big issues of trade and commerce and industry; scientific discoveries; and for the man in uniform, details of training and resettlement schemes. Leading artists, such as Adrian Boult and Muir Matheson, and experts explain musical trends; and help and advise in the choice and use of words are given in "Plain English."

Plain English

There is no magisterial touch, nor any well-meaning "talking down." They are couched in language which you and I can understand. Bright short sketches and dramatic interludes are introduced as "lantern slides." In some cases, members of the Forces are invited to the studio to take part. In others, employers, managers, shop stewards and T.U. representatives have been heard. There have been backroom stories of leading British Industries; brief biographies of leaders of Britain's industrial revolution; and accounts of the efforts of the workers to better their living standards and working conditions.

The other day I witnessed one of the "Plain English" programmes being transmitted from

a studio off Wardour Street. It didn't appear very exciting according to the syllabus—"tips about how to use words in discussion or debate"—but it turned out to be a stimulating argument between Henry Smell, a neat and dapper Strand elocution expert who knew the inside of Italian POW camps a few years ago, and two young sergeants on leave in London, Sgt. Roberts of the RAEC and pretty, dark-haired ATS Sgt. Pace, both of the AA Command in Shorncliffe. This was one debate in which the elocution expert did not have matters all his own way. Robert Marsden, who reads extracts from classics and producer Geoffrey Earle also joined in the fun.

The Listener's Reaction
Between the end of the rehearsals and the flushing of the red light signifying that the studio was "on the air," Earle, keen, enthusiastic, grey-haired, who has been producing the series since the FEB's were first conceived, told me how he is kept on his toes by the Services listeners.

One of the greatest difficulties in the way of making effective radio programmes is to take into account what is really happening at the listening end. Programme makers cannot be in two places at once. But the FEB producers are better off in this respect than many of their comrades—they know to a certain extent what happens at the other end.

The Service listening groups use the broadcasts as a basis for further discussion and for briefing instructors, and their candid comments are welcome and given full weight. Then Earle makes a good deal of personal contacts with Unit Education Officers and groups in Britain. He has visited units and arranged demonstration periods in camps. And Service listeners on leave in London at any time are welcome to call at Broadcasting House and discuss

any FEB problems they may care to raise.

This Week's Highlights

This week, overseas listeners can hear a programme which has been entertaining Britain and B.A.O.R. more than somewhat for two months. It is "Twenty Questions," the radio version of the parlour game in which one side chooses the thing to be guessed and the other side guesses by asking questions—animal, vegetable, mineral and so on. The secret is betrayed to listeners by a ghost voice from another studio, while the studio audience shown what it is by a placard. Stewart MacPherson, versatile Winnipeg broadcaster, handles the answers to the "Twenty questions" which the terms of experts ask in his usual inimitable way. The experts include BBC war-reporter Richard Dimbleby, actress Anna Neagle and Oleg Collett, and they're not often stumped on 10930 hours on 1st June; 1715 hours on June 4.

Burma Reunion
Men and women of the Royal Navy, the Army and the R.A.F. who earned the Burma Star will be the guests at a Burma reunion in the Royal Albert Hall, London, on June 2nd. Famous personalities of the war including the 14th Army Commander, General Slim, will be with them, and three of the principal speeches will be broadcast at 1730 hours on 2nd June and 0030 hours on 3rd June.

7th June sees the opening of the first Test match between England and South Africa at Trent Bridge, Nottingham. There will be ball-by-ball descriptions by Rex Alston and John Arnott at 1030 and 1030 hours and eyewitness accounts at 1845 and 2345 hours.

There will also be a commentary on the Epsom Derby on the same afternoon. This is by Raymond Glendinning, who will describe the Oaks the previous afternoon too.

Handing Over In Greece

London, May 29.
The conclusion of final arrangements between Britain and the United States for the transfer of financial responsibility in Greece is expected to be announced very shortly. It is believed that the date on which British responsibility formally ceases will be May 22—the day on which the United States aid to Greece and Turkey Bill was signed by President Truman.

The British economic mission, it has been agreed in principle, is to terminate its functions on June 30 and this arrangement is expected to stand even though the United States experts arrive before that date.

It is even possible that the nucleus of the British officials may stay on after June 30 to tidy up the work of the economic mission.

The British military mission, on the other hand, is expected to carry on its work—which is primarily the training of the Greek army in the use of British equipment—for an indefinite period in agreement with the United States Government.

There has been no indication that the termination of its activities may be discussed between the British and United States Governments at any point.

Military Mission

Thus the conclusion of final transfer arrangements with the United States is expected still to leave Britain with certain of those responsibilities in Greece which she assumed during the war and has continued to carry since the liberation of Greece.

Firstly, the maintenance for an indefinite period of a British military mission; secondly, the maintenance for a brief period of a small number of British troops whose withdrawal from Greece has been pledged "as soon as practicable."—Reuter.

KILLING OF BRITONS

London, May 29.
A Foreign Office spokesman today said the British Government felt confident the Greek Government would take "such steps as are open to them" to bring to justice the "Greek bandits" who killed two British soldiers last week.

The spokesman added that the British Government took a "serious view of this unwarrantable outrage."—United Press.

AIR COLLISION

The Hague, May 29.
Twelve members of the Royal Netherlands Air Force were killed today when two twin-engine planes of the "Anson" type collided in mid-air.

Five bodies only were identified. The rest were injured beyond recognition.—Reuter.



General De Gaulle gesturing as he addressed a crowd of 60,000 at Bordeaux on May 16. (Associated Press Photo)

France's Newest Phenomenon

Paris, May 29.
If you are a French citizen, have 120 francs in your pocket for dues, and are not a Communist, you can become a member of France's newest political phenomenon, General de Gaulle's Union of the French People (RPF).

But even if you are already an RPF member, you like everyone else who comes of the national headquarters on the third floor of a musty apartment building at the foot of Montmartre Hill, must ring the doorbell and be scrutinized by a guard before being admitted.

"The locked door does not mean we are unfriendly," said a cute young secretary. "We figure some crackpot or group might try to get tough up here." The girl did not say the locked door was designed to keep out Communists, but she inferred that.

Screened By Committee

But the RPF has more than a locked door for that purpose. Before an applicant can receive his membership card, he must be screened by a committee which investigates to see whether he has ever been a Communist, a Nazi collaborator or a member of a flagrantly anti-democratic group. The spokesman did not say exactly whether the pre-war Action Francaise and other extreme Right Wing and Monarchist organisations were included in the definition. "Each case will be investigated on the applicant's personal merits. Of course, there can be no general rule".

The spokesman said in the first two weeks of the organizing drive de Gaulle's Union had received 810,000 applications for membership. The national office in Paris handles not only the reported 103,000 demands from Paris alone up to May 1, but the applications from French citizens living in the overseas colonies or in other countries. The spokesman cited figures by 86,000 colonial Frenchmen having applied for union membership, along with 17,000 French citizens living in other countries.

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publications and research in historical studies. She will

spend two weeks at Oxford and

will later visit schools in the

south of England, Birmingham

University and Scotland.—Reu-

ter.

DANES AND GREENLAND

Copenhagen, May 29.

The Danish Government has formally applied to the United States to open negotiations concerning the abolition of the Danish-United States Greenland agreement, which authorised the United States to establish air-bases in Greenland. Herr Knud Christensen, Danish Prime Minister, told the Danish Parliament today.

His statement followed the discussion of a Danish Communist Party proposal demanding that the Government take official steps to restore Danish sovereignty over Greenland.

The Communists withdrew their motion after hearing the Prime Minister's statement. The agreement was signed in April, 1941.—Reuter.

GASPERI BOGGED DOWN

Rome, May 29.

Signor de Gasperi again postponed formation of a new government because of difficulties with several small parties he hopes to include in the Cabinet.

His efforts were bogged

down in a dispute with the Right-Wing Socialist Party.

Giuseppe Saragat, Right-Wing Socialist leader, served notice that he would not support de Gasperi if any Rightists had a hand in financial policy.—United Press.

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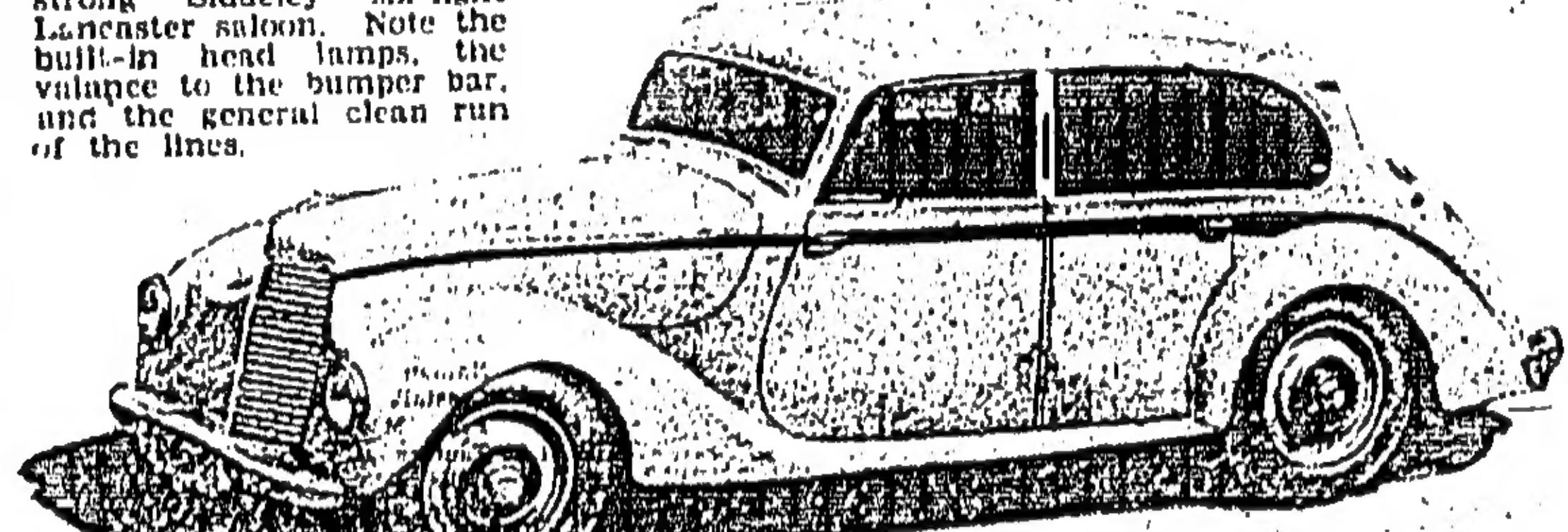
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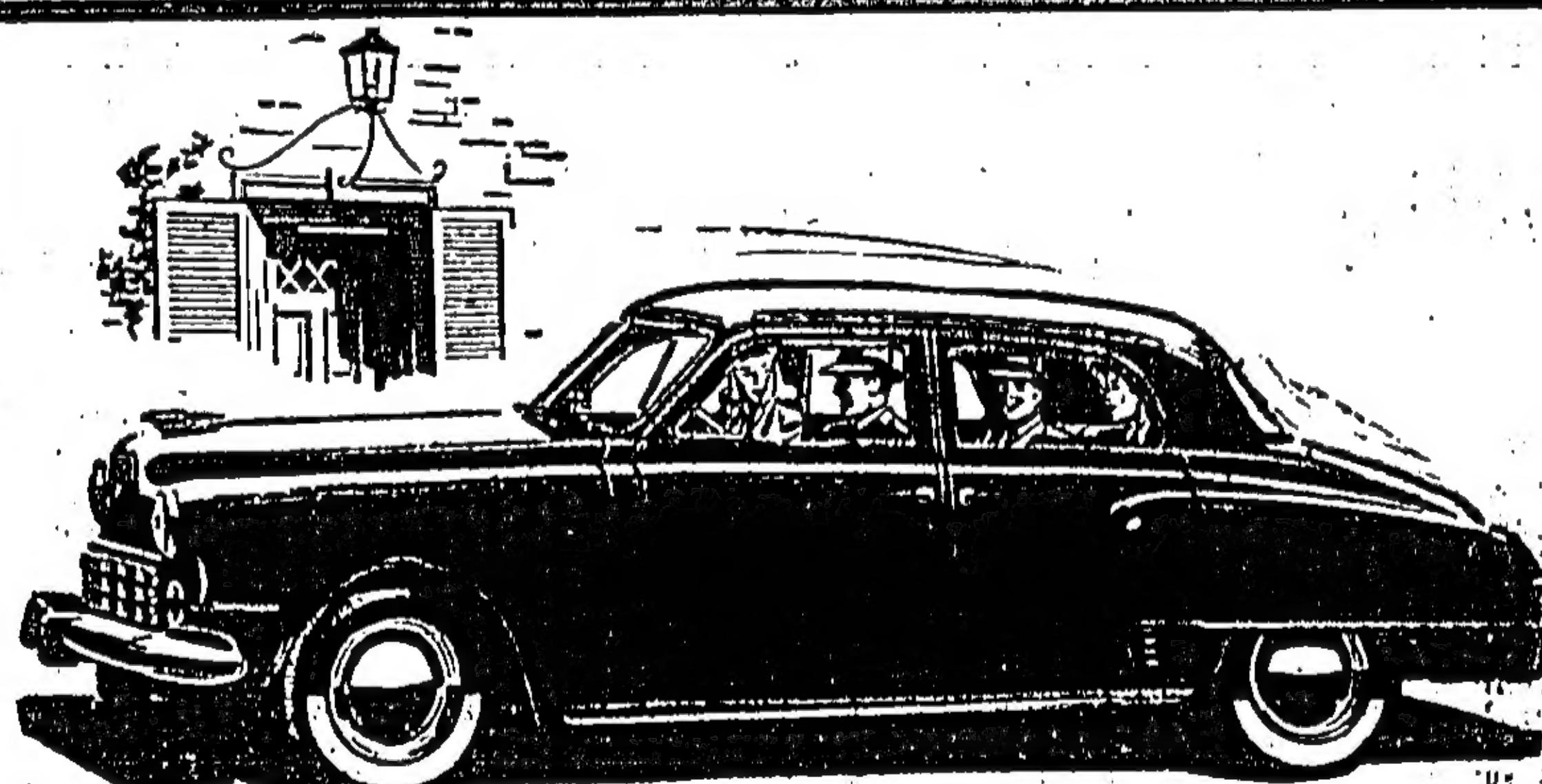
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Hong Kong Island to-day has a total of 5,182 motor vehicles — this averages almost one motor vehicle per 300 persons. Yet an amazing proportion of the Colony's motor owners know little or nothing about motoring outside the cost and maintenance of their own car or truck.

Through our weekly columns, it is hoped to widen interest. The latest world motor census shows a total of over 47 million motor vehicles in use. Almost every week new types of cars are coming on the local market. We are interested in opinions on them, whether based on first-hand experience or theoretical knowledge. We are also interested in constructive criticism on local traffic needs and conditions. For instance, don't go home and swear because a truck nearly side-swiped your new car. Write to us. We in turn will publish as much as possible of your criticism, and who knows but that something will be done by the authorities to remedy the faults?

Incidentally, hand signals given by Hong Kong drivers seem to include signals from all nations. One so often sees the driver of a left (and sometimes a right) drive vehicle tapping the roof of his car to signal a turn.

Surely this is not a recognised signal? More probably it is a legacy of the Japanese occupation.

Then there are the drivers of the old school who describe weird anti-clockwise circles with outstretched hand and finger pointing to indicate a left turn. Signals are helpful, but only if they are universally understood.

A Highway Code similar to that issued in Britain would be of great value to the motoring public of Hong Kong. This I understand, is now contemplated by the Traffic Authorities.

When one considers that in England one has to wait anywhere from twelve to eighteen months for a car, and in America at least six months, motorists in Hong Kong are extremely lucky. There is an endless variety of American and British cars to choose from, and the waiting time in many cases not half as long. I hear that there is even a new model Rolls Royce Silver Wraith shortly arriving.

The commendable drive by the Traffic Authorities some months ago to reduce unnecessary sounding of horns especially around the Central District, seems to have gone the way of all such drives. Such a pity, as it did do some good while it lasted. Any week day from 4.45 to 5.45 around the Central District is just a continuous blare of horns and it is almost impossible in some offices to use the phone because of the outside noise at that hour.

Reserve Brakes

Hudson cars (model 1947) which are arriving in Hong Kong this year are all fitted with a patented auto-poise control, which keeps the car wheels straight in their course over rough roads, in heavy winds and also in the event of a typhoon blowing. Another addition is a mechanical reserve braking system which takes hold au-

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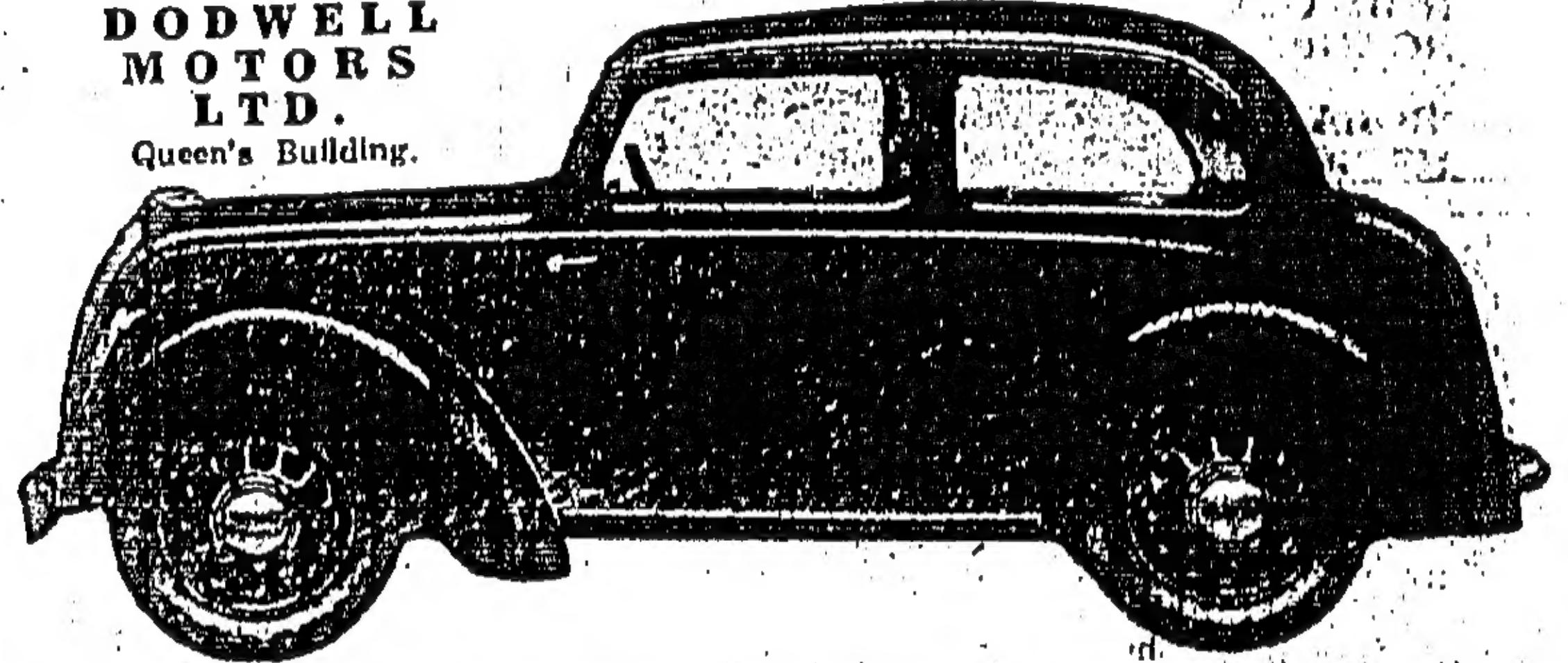
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RUSSIA WANTS A LOAN
Anglo-Soviet Trade Agreement Talks
New Proposals By The Kremlin**U.S. POSITION UNDERMINED?**

Washington, May 29.

The Secretary of State,

Gen. Marshall, today strongly

attacked the House of Repre-

sentatives' action in passing

a measure which would im-

pose an increased import

duty on wool. He declared

that it would completely

undermine the United States

position on reciprocal trade

and wreck the Geneva Trade

Conference.—United Press.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, May 29.

Pre-holiday short-covering

brought early gains but activity

soon dwindled and a mixed trend

developed with stocks showing

changes to one point.

Stiffening tendencies accom-

panied by occasional bursts of

activity followed the Senate and

House conference agreement both

on tax reduction and labour bills.

Advances to two points were

fairly well spread in the after-

noon with steels, oils, textiles,

utilities, motors, aviations, rails

and rail equipments best sup-

ported. The last two named

have been enjoying greater popu-

larity, reflecting the fact that

with a few exceptions, April rail

earnings were sharply above a year

ago.

Fairly general profit-taking to-

wards the close caused the market to

detact from the day's best

levels and the market closed very

steady.—Reuter.

London Stock Market

London, May 29.

The stock markets turned dull

following a sharp decline in

gold, which unsettled other

domestic issues, although not to

the same extent.

Far Eastern issues were dull

because of foreign bonds while among

foreign rails, Argentines and

Brazilians improved. Kaffirs, cop-

perators and oils all looked a shade

better at the finish.—Reuter.

Deadlock In Trade Talks At Geneva

Geneva, May 29.

Australia is not ready for a compromise on the

wool issue but is not considering walking out

of Geneva, delegation quarters told the United

Press on Thursday.

This was the first reaction from official sources

since the return to Geneva yesterday of the

delegation's chief, Dr. Herbert Coombs, from

consultations with the Australian Cabinet.

Sources said Australia's stand on the wool issue was not likely to be relaxed in any way

and that the initiative for further action must come from the United States. The Australians, therefore, are awaiting another American approach.

Australia's viewpoint is that

not only should the proposed wool import fee be lowered but also that the original wool tariff lowered. Sources stressed, however, that the Australian delegation will proceed in Geneva in a "cooperative spirit" on the charter discussions and in tariff talks with other countries.

Australian delegation quarters said Australia's attitude in the wool issue is not likely to be altered by United States concessions on other items.

Earlier reports had claimed that Australia might compromise on wool for concessions on tariffs for meat, fat, sheep

and butter.

An Appeal

Meanwhile, Coombs, in a statement made during the discussions on charter amendments, said that where there is a necessity to agree to a compromise for making the charter an effective instrument, "other countries" should demonstrate their willingness and capacity to carry out their undertakings, not only during the charter discussions but also "elsewhere."

This is interpreted as an appeal to the United States.

Sources said that other countries have already begun coming up with difficulties on tariff negotiations as the result of the American-Australian deadlock.

Meanwhile, anxiety has been

expressed by delegation quar-

ters for building what is term-

ed a satisfactory charter, on

which the Australian delega-

tion would remain fully op-

erative, despite the deadlock on tariffs.—United Press.

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Moreover, Mexican authorities

have promised a tariff protection

for budding industries encouraged

by President Aleman's adminis-

tration in its six-yr plan for

Mexico. The tariff protection is

designed to prevent foreigners

from under-selling native pro-

ducts.

In 1936 (one of Japan's biggest

trade years with Latin America) Japan took \$5,132,00

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Local Insurance Companies' Capital Increased

Two local insurance companies, at separate meetings held yesterday, capitalised a big slice of their heavy accumulated reserves and at the same time substantially increased their authorised capital.

The Canton Insurance Office second resolution which I will increase its authorised capital to \$2,500,000 to \$10,000,000; and capitalised \$1,500,000 of its reserves by a distribution of \$50 per share to its shareholders by treating as fully paid up the shares held by them on which only \$20 has been paid.

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., also increased its authorised capital to \$10,000,000; and capitalised \$1,200,000 of its accumulated reserves in the same way in the same way the \$20 partly paid shares being treated as fully paid.

Both meetings were held in the board room of Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., and were presided over by the Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale, Chairman of the Consulting Committee of both Companies.

Addressing shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office Ltd., Mr. Landale said:

"Your committee have for some time now felt that the issued capital of the company, viz. \$1,000,000 represented by 50,000 shares of \$50 each, \$20 paid up, is completely out of proportion to the earning power of the company and its total net assets and they consider the time has arrived when the issued capital should be increased."

The motion was seconded by Mr. M.W. Lo and carried unanimously.

"Your committee considered several alternative ways of increasing the issued capital and finally decided that as the company was not in need of additional working capital, the best plan would be to capitalise \$1,500,000 out of free reserves, equal to \$50 per share, and to treat this as a call on the shareholders, thus making the shares \$50 fully paid instead of \$20 paid up as at present, and the issued capital \$2,500,000 instead of \$1,000,000. The net asset position of the company would remain entirely unchanged, and as far as the shareholders are concerned, it would mean that such capital sum would have been extinguished."

"Our existing Articles (a) and (b), which deal with the capitalisation of reserves authorise the general agents to accept the sanction of the company in general meeting, to distribute among the members any unissued shares or new shares. The articles in question do not, however, specifically authorise the action we now wish to take, namely to apply capitalised reserves in payment of the uncalled liability on shares which have already been issued.

New Article

"We therefore propose to substitute for Article 123 (a) and (b) a new Article 123 which, our lawyers advise, will meet these requirements. This change in our articles requires the sanction of the shareholders."

"Having changed the articles to give us the requisite general powers it will then be necessary for you to pass an ordinary resolution in order to capitalise a specific part of our reserves, namely \$1,500,000, and to apply this sum in making your shares fully paid. This will be the

Then followed the meeting of

Shareholders of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., whom Mr. D. F. Landale addressed in identical terms.

The amount capitalised was \$1,200,000 and this was effected by treating as fully paid up the 40,000 shares in the company on which only \$20 has been paid up on each.

Members of the consulting committee present, in addition to the Chairman, Mr. D.F. Landale, were the Hon. Mr. M.K. Lo and Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, W.A. Stewart, S.T. Williamson, F.C. Barry and D.E. Clarke (members of the Consulting Committee) and Mr. K.A. Mason (Secretary).

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Springboks Well On Way To Victory

London, May 29.

South Africa appear to be well on the way to victory against the Combined Services, who after dismissing South Africa for 259-77 runs ahead scored 161 for the loss of seven wickets. This means they are only 84 ahead with three wickets standing, while the tourists have another innings to play.

Mitchell continued to bat well for the South Africans and was last out with 108 to his credit. He just failed to get another not-out century. His batting in the last few matches has been of the highest order.

Few other South Africans offered much resistance to the Services attack. It was mainly through Roberts that the Services wiped out their arrears for the loss of only one wicket when they batted again.

A minor collapse occurred in the 90's when three wickets fell, the third and fourth at the same time. Shireff, the Services captain, and White pulled the game round again in a partnership of 51, though both were victims before the day's close of play.

Mann, spin bowler, came out with the figures of five for 48 in 31 overs.

County Matches

In contrast to the previous day batsmen dominated the County cricket programme today when temperatures soared to the highest for 11 months.

Several centuries and near-centuries marked the day's play, but the greatest performance was the opening stand of 350 between Washbrook (204) and Place (184). They were still unbroken at the close of play, having batted three hours 50 minutes. Washbrook hit 12 fours, one sixer and one seven—three runs and four from an overthrow—while Place has hit 13 fours.

Dodds of Essex, and Brown of Middlesex, were other centurions, while Pearce, of Essex, and Timms, of Northamptonshire, reached the 90's and several other batsmen scored freely in the hot sunshine.

Rain had caused a slight halt in Lancashire's match just after the third hundred had been signalled, but quickly cleared and did not affect the pitch from the way that the batsmen continued their huge partnership.

Scores

Scores at the close of play today:

At Portsmouth: Combined Services 182 and 161 for seven (Roberts 52, Boys 21, Shireff 39, White 22); South Africans 259 (Mitchell 108, Dawson 57, Delighton four for 48, White three for 65).

At Birmingham: Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by 101 runs, Yorks 113 and 233 (Wilson 67, Hollies five for 40); Warwickshire 47 and 198 (Robinson five for 50).

At Cambridge: Middlesex 283 and 246 for six; (Brown 112, Thompson 59); Cambridge University 217, Sims six for 90).

At Leicester: Leicestershire 420 for nine declared; Essex 435 (Dodds 157, Pearce 93, R. Smith 71).

At Manchester: Lancashire 258 and 360 for no wickets (Washbrook not out 204; Place not out 134); Sussex 255 (Poldark five for 50).

At the Oval: Northamptonshire 308 and 240 for five (Cox 88, Timms 96); Surrey 207.—Reuter.

Irish Sweep

Dublin, May 29. An estimated 23 units of £25,000 each today is expected to be distributed in the 60th sweepstake to be run by the Hospitals Trust in Dublin on June 7, when the Derby takes place.

The authorities refuse to disclose figures, but it is expected that another record will be set, even though the time between the Grand National sweepstakes and the Derby is short.

In each unit will be prizes of £25,000. The first prize, £15,000 for second. The rest will be distributed among drawers of horses in the race who failed to place in money.

There are 28 horses entered to start in the Derby. Drawers of horses will get £300 each. There also will be 20 residual prizes, the amount of which will depend on total receipts. Total prize distribution is expected to reach £1,700,000.—United Press.

Davis Cup

Scarborough, May 29.

South Africa gained a two-zero lead against Great Britain when their third round Davis Cup match opened today, winning both the singles decided.

In the first tie, Tony Mottram raised British hopes, taking the first set from Eric Sturges, but thereafter the South African dominated and won 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

There was an unfortunate end to the second singles when Don Butler, who came in the British team for Derek Burton (who strained his back during practice) collapsed with cramp in the fourth set against Eustace Fannin and had to retire. Fannin led 7-5, 4-6, 9-7, with the position three all in the fourth set when Butler collapsed.—Reuter.

RACE ENTRIES

The following are entries and weights for the Seventh Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley on Saturday, June 7:

Manolo Handicap, 6 Furong;

First Alarm (13), Jerry Hong (13), Sun (16), Masterpiece (14), Royal Commission (14), Spanish Onion (14), Speedway (13), Thunderbolt (14) and V-J Day (15).

Lantau Handicap, 6 Furong;

Argentine Moon (16), Avalon (15), Cooper (14), Edmer (15), Hurricane (16), Lightning (13), Lucky Strike (15), Mansfield (16), Red Fox (14), Rose Empire (14), Sunshine (11),

Beauty (14) and Sunshine (11).

I.R.C. TEAM

The following have been selected to represent Indian Red-Cream Club against Kowloon Derby at K.B.G.C. on Sunday:

M. B. Hassan, S. Yusuf, M. Y.

Adai and A. K. Mirza (Skip);

M. I. Razack, A. M. Rumjahn,

J. Hansen and A. R. Mina (Skip);

M. A. Rumjahn, A. M. Wahab,

Reserves—A. G. Suffiad, A. J.

Hussain.

SING TAO TEAM IN MANILA

Manila, May 30. Football fans here are showing a big interest in the visit of the Hong Kong Sing Tao soccer team, which is due to open a series of matches against Manila's best players tomorrow, when it meets the Chinese Collegians at Rizal Stadium.

SIX AIR DISASTERS

(Continued from Page 1)

The disaster equals the toll in the crash of the American Overseas plane at Stephenville, Newfoundland, on October 3, 1946. The highest previous death-toll for a domestic airline disaster was 27.—United Press.

On Sunday, the visitors will

meet the Manila Football League Selection No. 2, followed by a match with Turbo Salvaje and Llan Lok teams on June 4 and 5 respectively. On June 8 they will meet the Athletic Club and on June 11 the Manila Football League Selection No. 1.

The leading English-language

newspapers here have given

great prominence to the arrangements for the matches, which are generally expected to draw

record crowds, especially since

Sing Tao's team includes such

players as Lal Shiu-wing and Hao

Yung-seng, whose records have

been followed with keen interest by local soccer fans.—Reuter.

London, May 29.

Two Third Division football

games were played tonight, resulting:

Northampton 2 Aldershot 2; Notts County 1 Rotherham 0.—Reuter.

Meanwhile, another report said a carrier plane from the

Britain v. Rest Of Europe



Da Rui (Rest of Europe's goal-keeper) is seen throwing himself at the feet of Wilt Mannion (Britain), whose expression is certainly a determined one. On the left is Ludi. Britain beat the Rest of Europe by 6 goals to one. (Associated Press photo).

Cheerful News For You

Ios Angeles, May 29.

Five hundred atomic bombs of the size used in Hiroshima could destroy every human being and animal in the world.

The Manhattan project's former medical chief, Dr. Stafford Warren, said this at the conclusion of the atom conference.

Dr. Warren said even if they survived the initial concussion they would succumb eventually to deadly radioactivity after-effects.

"It might be possible to maintain a population with survivors of the first blast, but many third and fourth generation children would be freaks or sterile," he said.

An inexhaustible source of fresh water through atomic processes could be provided for commercial, domestic and irrigation uses, according to Dr. Linus S. Pauling, Chemistry professor of the California Institute of Technology.

He advocated the use of atomic energy to distill sea water by a "comprehensive" process at the cost of about five cents a ton.

TOKYO, May 29.

Three Americans, one Englishman and four Scots reached the "last eight" of the British Amateur Golf Championship here today.

Takes A Scot To Beat A Yank

Carmoustie, May 29.

The experts have finally solved the mystery of Rembrandt's beard; for a while, it was a real puzzler.

Examination recently revealed that the centuries-old self-portrait by Rembrandt was taking on a slow growth of face whiskers, after it had been taken to Zurich, Switzerland, as part of an Austrian art exhibition.

A few closer looks, however,

showed that it was not Rembrandt coming back to life at all, but simply the appearance of some sponges which were favoured by the Zurich climate.

The experts also explained that the paintings had been sheltered in saltines during the Allied bombings of Vienna, and that the artists had used home-made paints that contained ingredients particularly edible for sponges.

The scientists issued with relief the announcement that Rembrandt is to have a shave with insecticide.—United Press.

Monster In Tokyo!

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